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c. 1846

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Kingston vicinity

Public worship

This unassuming single-story frame church is typical of the modest meeting houses erected by many congregations during the first half of the nineteenth century. The gable front, three-bay frame church has a single double door opening on the west end and three nine over six sash windows to each side. A shorter single-story apse partially covers the east gable end.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church formerly stood on a site approximately a quarter of a mile east of its present location, and it was evidently moved to this location after the Methodists abandoned the original church built at this intersection. Construction of St. Mark's in 1846 is confirmed in the Coventry Parish vestry minute books which state,

INDENT This deed of donation for the house of worship recently erected at Kingston in Somerset County in Coventry Parish in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester under the name of St. Mark's Church was then signed by the rector, church wardens, and vestrymen present...June 2, 1846.

The church interior has survived relatively unaltered as well. St. Mark's Church, Joshua Thomas Chapel, S-44, and Grace ^{PROTESTANT} Episcopal Church, S-376, are the only rural churches that exhibit Greek Revival influence.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Propertyhistoric name St. Mark's Episcopal Church

other names/site number

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2. Locationstreet & number Westover-Marion Road (State Route 413)N/A ☐ not for publicationcity, town Kingston☒ vicinitystate Maryland code MD county Somersetcode 039zip code 21834**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property

☒ private☐ public-local☐ public-State☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

☒ building(s)☐ district☐ site☐ structure☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

1 buildings1 sites1 structures1 objects1 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERDate 7/19/90

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.☒ determined not eligible for the
National Register.☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious structureFUNERARY/cemetery

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious structureFUNERARY/cemetery**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

GREEK REVIVAL

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETEwalls WEATHERBOARDroof ASPHALTother WOOD

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a single-story one-bay by three-bay frame structure built in 1846 and moved to this site in 1924. The gable-front building faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The rectangular frame building is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The eaves are slightly extended with short returns at the base of the roof. A small one-bay by one-bay apse extends to the rear (east). The front elevation is pierced by a single double-door opening with three-panel doors. The north and south sides have three nine-over-nine sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. A brick stove stack rises through the south roof slope. The interior has Victorian pews with simple Gothic point end panels. A pair of unconventional four-panel doors open into the sacristy to each side of the communion table. A cemetery with about a dozen nineteenth century burials lies to the side of the building.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a single-story one-bay by three-bay frame structure that stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of the Westover-Marion Road and Charles Barnes Road near Kingston, Somerset County, Maryland. The gable-front building faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east-west axis.

Dated to 1846, the weatherboard frame church rests on concrete block piers that were erected when the structure was relocated to this site around 1924. The original church site was approximately a quarter of a mile east of this location on the north side of Charles Barnes Road. The rectangular frame building is sheathed with plain weatherboards and covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The eaves are slightly extended with short returns at the base of the roof. A small one-bay by one-bay apse extends to the rear (east).

The front elevation is pierced by a single double-door opening with three-panel doors. The corners of the building are fitted with corner boards that rise to the plain fascia. A simple cross is fixed to the peak of the roof.

The north and south sides are essentially alike with three evenly spaced nine-over-nine sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. A brick stove stack rises through the roof slope.

Attached to the east gable end is a shorter single-story one-room frame sacristy. The north side of the sacristy is marked by a shuttered six-over-six sash window, while the south side is marked by a two-panel Greek Revival door. The east wall is a plain weatherboard wall.

The interior has remained essentially unaltered since the nineteenth century. Victorian pews with simple Gothic point end panels are located to either side of a center aisle. The north and south walls are stabilized by a pair of tie beams which stretch across the room under a vaulted ceiling. The slightly raised altar, located at the east end of the sanctuary, is distinguished by a rectangular baluster handrail with a center hinged door. Victorian furniture furnishes the altar. A pair of unconventional four-panel doors open into the sacristy to each side of the communion table. Two small square panels mark the top of the door, while the balance of the door is divided by a pair of long Greek Revival style panels. The sacristy is finished with lath and plaster.

To the side of the building are about a dozen burial sites with markers which are associated with use of this site previously by another denomination.

8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☒ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1846

Significant Dates

1846

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The significance of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in rural Somerset County is derived from the architectural character of the building. Moved to its present site in 1924, this modest one-story frame building erected in 1846 is one of the only two extant Somerset County structures built for religious purposes to display the influence of the Greek Revival style. The other example is the Joshua Thomas Chapel on Deal Island, built in 1850, which is larger in size and more elaborately decorated on the facade.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning
Religion

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

RELIGION/religious structure
FUNERARY/cemetery

Known Design Source: Unknown

See Continuation Sheet 8.2

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

This unassuming single-story frame church, built in 1846, is typical of the modest meeting houses many rural congregations erected during the first half of the nineteenth century. The gable-front church has a single double-door opening on the west end and three nine-over-nine sash windows on each side. A shorter single story apse partially covers the east gable end. The church and its interior have survived in relatively unaltered condition.

St. Mark's Church and Joshua Thomas Chapel are the only rural churches in Somerset County to exhibit a Greek Revival influence. St. Mark's has the gable-front orientation typical of the style as well as characteristic Greek Revival woodwork.

A construction date of 1846 for St. Mark's is confirmed in the Coventry Parish vestry minute books:

This deed of donation for the house of worship recently erected at Kingston in Somerset County in Coventry Parish in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester under the name of St. Mark's Church was then signed by the rector, church wardens, and vestrymen present...June 2, 1946.

St. Mark's formerly stood approximately a quarter of a mile east of its present location. The building was moved to this site in the early twentieth century, after the Methodists abandoned the original church built at this intersection.

Vestry minutes of Coventry Parish, 1822-1848, St. Paul's P.E. Church, Marion, Maryland.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

Touart, Paul Baker. Somerset: An Architectural History. Published for the Maryland Historical Trust and the Somerset County Historical Trust, 1990, pp 65 and 319-336.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Area of property 1.5 acres

USGS Quad: Kingston, MD

UTM References

A 18 437750 4213880
Zone Easting Northing

C

B
Zone Easting Northing

D

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description _____

☒ See continuation sheet 10.1

Boundary Justification _____

☒ See continuation sheet 10.1

11. Form Prepared By

Name/title Paul Baker Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 10/13/87

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

All that lot or parcel of land situate in Brinkley's Election District, Somerset County, Maryland, beginning at the southeast corner of the intersection of the old Westover-Kingston Road on the northwest corner of the church lot and heading due east with Charles Barnes Road for approximately 262 feet to a point along the road, thence in a southerly direction for approximately 150 feet to a point southeast of the church building, then in a southwesterly direction for approximately 225 feet to a point along the old Westover-Kingston Road, thence with the east side of the aforesaid road in a northerly direction for approximately 262 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.5 acres more or less.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The property under nomination includes only the 1.5 acre lot upon which the resource stands. The property is bordered by public roads and cultivated fields.

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Coventry Parish Records
St. Mark's - June 2, 1846

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This deed of donation for the house of worship recently erected at Kingston in Somerset County in Coventry Parish in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester under the name of St. Mark's Church was then signed by the record church wardens and vestrymen present as manner and form as followeth

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-66

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mark's Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number SE corner of Westover-Kingston Rd and Charles Barnes Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Kingston ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of St. Mark's Episcopal Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Kingston state and zip code Maryland 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust Inventory

date 1967 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

repository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a single-story one-bay by three-bay frame structure that stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of the Westover-Kingston Road and Charles Barnes Road, near Kingston, Somerset County, Maryland. The gable-front building faces west with the gable roof running east/west.

Dated to 1846, the weatherboard frame structure rests on concrete block piers and is clad with narrow weatherboards. The medium pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. A small one-bay by one-bay apse extends to the rear.

The front elevation is pierced by a single double door opening, while the north and south sides are marked by three 9/9 sash windows with louvered shutters. The corners to the structure have simple pilasters that extend to a plain frieze board under the eaves. A small cross rises above the gable. The south roof slope has a brick stove stack.

Extending from the rear (east) end is a shorter single-story apse with a shuttered 6/6 sash window on the north side and a door opening on the south side. The gable end is a plain weatherboard wall.

The interior has been somewhat remodeled. A simple mortise and tenon altar rail with rectangular balusters survives intact. The altar furniture and pews appear to date from the post-Civil War period.

A 19th-century cemetery is located south of the structure and contains approximately a dozen markers.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1846

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.


St. Mark's Church formerly stood on a site approximately .25 of a mile east of its present location and was evidently moved during this century when the Methodist Church on this site was abandoned. Both churches appear on the 1877 atlas. The erection of St. Mark's dates to 1846 with a confirmation in the Coventry Parish records,

This deed of donation for the house of worship recently erected at Kingston in Somerset County in Coventry Parish in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester under the name of St. Mark's Church was then signed by the rector, church wardens, and vestrymen present ..." June 2, 1846.

For some reason the church was moved to its present location when the Methodists abandoned the lot. Despite some interior remodeling, this unassuming frame structure is one of the best preserved of the small rural churches and one of the only Greek Revival style examples (also see S-44, Joshua Thomas Chapel.)

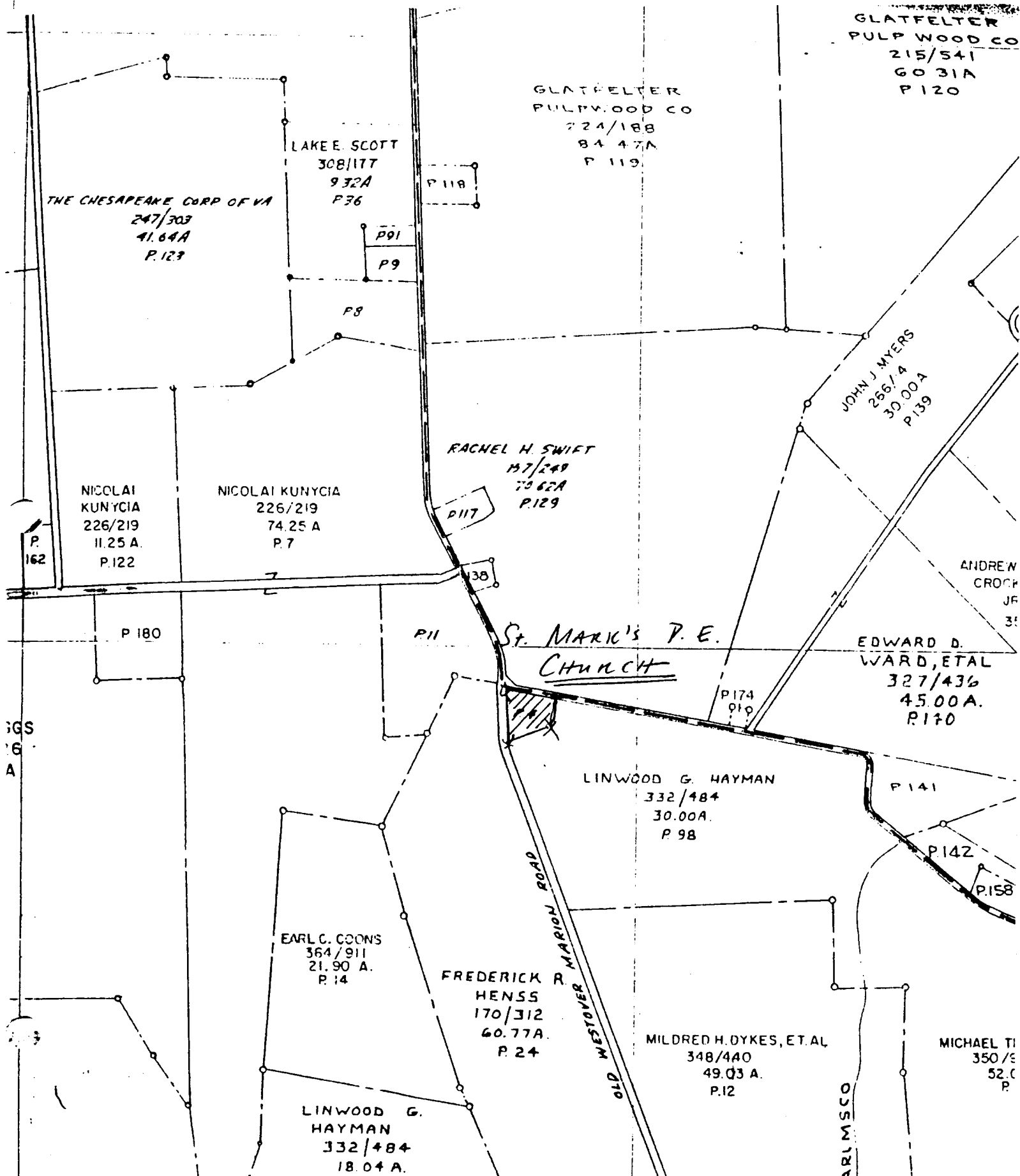
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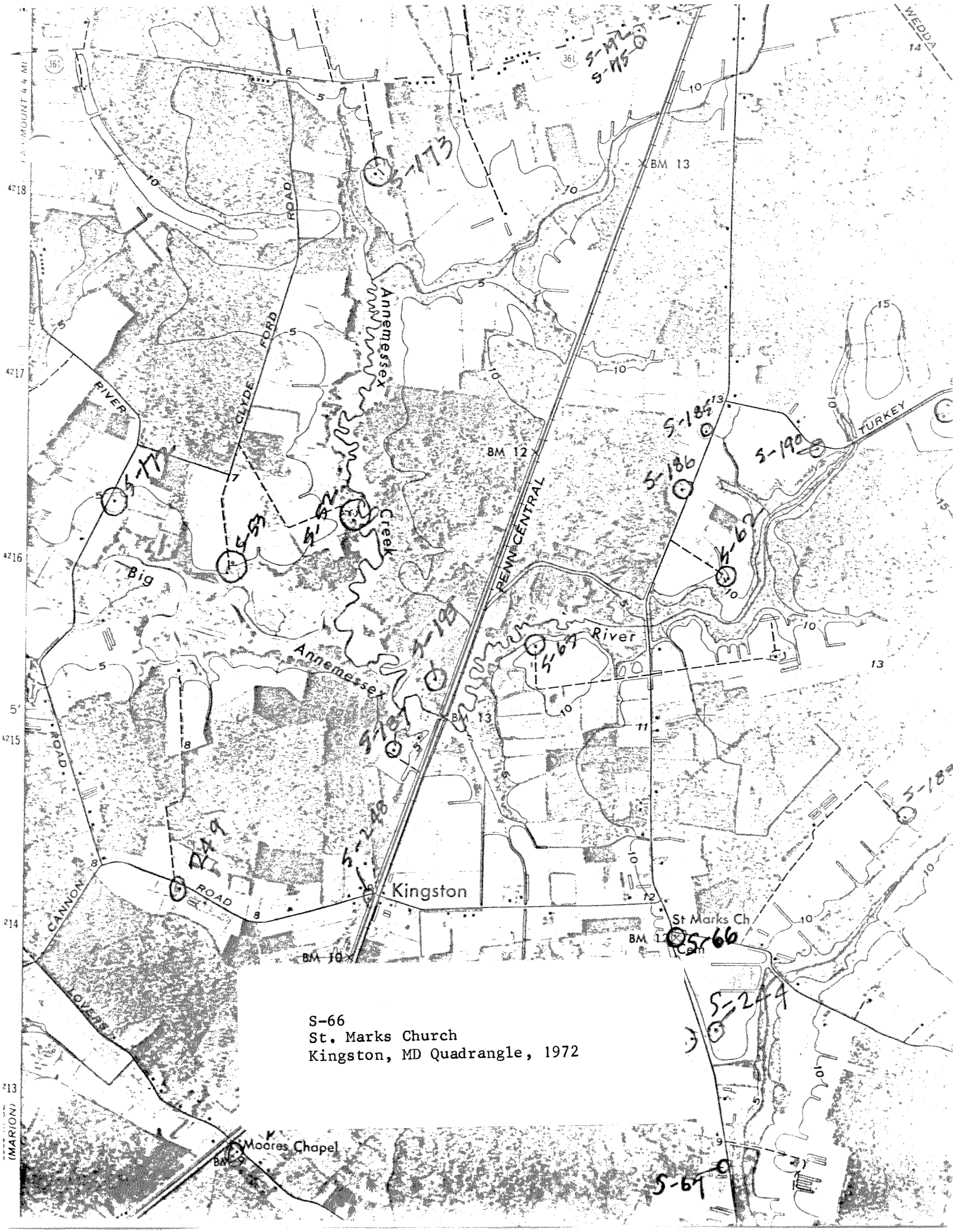
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1. STATE COUNTY Somerset County TOWN Kingston VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER St. Mark's Parish ORIGINAL USE Church PRESENT OWNER St. Mark's Parish PRESENT USE Church WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 1½		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME St. Mark's Episcopal Church S-66 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1830 STYLE Greek Revival ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <p>This is a small frame rectangular Greek Revival structure. It is one bay wide and 3 bays deep with a small protruding apse at the rear. The bay on the gable end is occupied by an old panelled double door. Each side of the church has three 9/9 windows. The apse at the rear has a small 6/6 window on each side of it. All of the glass is old and bubbly. A heavy molded cornice runs along the roof line and around the pediment.</p> <p>This small structure is well kept up and was the only church building found in Somerset County which was not neither 18th century nor Victorian. ① Obviously the Greek revival did not have too great an impact on Church architecture in this area.</p> <p>① With the exception of the Joshua Thomas Chapel.</p>		OPEN TO PUBLIC No	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior Well Maintained			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman DATE OF RECORD 5/8/67	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTO PHMS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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St. Marks Church
Kingston, MD Quadrangle, 1972

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South West

~~Northeast~~ Elevation

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Near Kingston, Somerset County

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10 K T T E A S T
~~South East~~ Elevation

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Near Kingston, Somerset County
Southeast Elevation
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St. Mark's P. E. Complex

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INTERVIEW

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